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TAGS: OEXC, AR(BERETTA, MARIO)
SUBJ: FY 76 IV PROGRAM

REF: STATE 004943; BUENOS AIRES 0037

1. BIO DATA FOR MARIO ANTONIO BERETTA:
BORN SEPT. 10, 1929 IN BUENOS AIRES. ARGENTINE
CITIZEN. MARRIED, FIVE CHILDREN. HOME ADDRESS:
BOULEVARD GALVEZ 1408, SANTA FE, ARGENTINA.
IN EMERGENCY CONTACT WIFE CECILIA BUTELER DE BERETTA
AT HOME ADDRESS. EDUCATION: 1955 UNIVERSITY DEGREE
IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. PRESENT POSITION: CHIEF ENGINEER,
PARAN-MEDIO PROJECT, AUGA Y ENERGIA ELECTRICA (STATE-
RUN POWER COMPANY). PAST POSITIONS: 1957-64 ENGINEER,
AGUAY ENERGIA ELECTRICA; 1965-DATE: CHIEF ENGINEER OF
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS, AGUA Y ENERGIA ELECTRICA.
TRAVEL: 1968-75: BRASIL URUGUAY, PARAUAY, BOLIVIA,
SPAIN, PORTUGAL, FRANCE, ENGLAND, GERMANY, AUSTRIA,
ITAL, USSR. PURPSE: TOURISM, CONGRESSES. GRANTEE
HAS NEVER VISITED USA. SPEAKS NO ENGLISH. INTERPRETER
REQUIRED.

2. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:
AS CHIEF ENGINEER FOR PARANA-MEDIO PROJECT, BERETTA
PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED SEEING SIMILAR PROJECTS AND VISITING
LABORATORIES WORKING ON DESING AND CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS.
PARANA-MEDIO PROJECT IS LOW-HEAD 2,000 MW PLUS FACILITY
PLANNED TO INCORPORATE UP TO 30 TURBO-GENERATOR GROUPS.
PRIMARY TECHNICIAL PROBLEMS ARE SEND BASE FOR POWER
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PLANT AND CONSTRUCTION OF LENGTHY (200 KMS) RETAINING

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WALL ALONG RIVER BANK.
POST, IN CONSULTATION WOTH CHARLES T. MAIN INC., US
ENGINEERING FIRM HERE ACTIVE IN HYDROELECTRIC AND FLOOD
CONTROL AREAS, RECOMMENDS THAT GRANTEE'S PROGRAM
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: (ITEMS 1-6 OF HIGHEST PRIORITY)
1. BOSTON, MASS: VISIT OFFICE CHARLES T. MAIN, INC.
CONTACT: CHARLES C. NOBLE, VICE PRESIDENT, PHONE
617-262-3200. THIS COMPANY HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS
ASSIT PLANNING BERETTA PROGRAM IF YOU DESIRE.
2. ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY: NAIGATION AND HYDROELECTRIC
FACILITIES.
3. DENVER, COLORADO: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION LABS
AND PROJECTS.
4. PORTLAND, OREGON: ROCK ISLAND BULB-TURBINE HYDRO
PROJECT, BONNEVILLE LABS, BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION'S
500 KV TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVER
NAVIGATION AND POWER FACILITIES. IF TIME ALSO VISIT: TROJAN
NUCLEAR PLANT AT ST HELEN, COPS OF ENGINEERS' RESERVOIR
CONTROL SYSTEM, HDQ OF US ENTITY FOR COLUMIBA RIVER
TREATY.
5. VICKSBURG, MISS: COPRS OF ENGINEERS, MISSIPPI
RIVER FLOOD CONTROL AND NAVIGATION SYSTEMS. ALSO
VISIT LABS IF NOT DUPLICATE OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
LABS IN DENVER.
6. KNOVILL, TENN: TVA, ESPECIALLY DOWN-RIVER PORTION
OF SYSTEM.
7. NIAGARA FALLS: PUMP-STORAGE HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY
8. YORK, PENN: ALLIS CHALMERS TURBINE PLANT AND LABORATORY.
9. ITTSBURG OR SCHENNECTADY: GE OR WESTINGHOUSE GENERATOR
PLANT.

C.T. MAIN ESTIMATES MINIMUM FOR DAYS EACH
CITY NECESSARY IN DENVER, PORTLAND, VICKSBURG,
AND KNOXVILLE.
BERETTA PRIMARILY INTERESTED VISITING ABOVE-LISTED
PROJECTS AND MEETING WITH ENGINEERS. HE WOULD
ALSO LIKE TO VISIT BOULDER DAM, GRAND CANYON,
AND NEW YORK CITY. NON-PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS
INCLUDE: TOURISM, CLASSICAL MUSIC, ART, AND
SPORTS (CARS, BOATS).
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